## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A composition comprising

a) a hydrophobically modified polyacetal-polyether or comb hydrophobically modified polyacetal-polyether and

b) a viscosity suppressing agent selected from the group consisting of cyclodextrins and derivatives thereof,

wherein the lower limit of the solids content of the polymer is 10 wt %.

2. **(Original)** The composition of claim 1, wherein the cyclodextrins are selected from the group consisting of alpha (α), beta (β), and gamma (γ) cyclodextrins.

3. **(Original)** The composition of claim 1, wherein the cyclodextrin derivatives are selected from the group consisting of methylated, hydroxyethylated, hydroxypropylated, carboxymethylated, and diaminoethylated cyclodextrins

4. **(Original)** The composition of claim 1, wherein the lower limit of the hydrophobe types has 8 carbons.

5. **(Original)** The composition of claim 1, wherein the lower limit of the hydrophobe types has 10 carbons.

6. **(Original)** The composition of claim 1, wherein the lower limit of the hydrophobe types has 12 carbons.

7. **(Original)** The composition of claim 1, wherein the upper limit of the hydrophobe types has 40 carbons.

8. **(Original)** The composition of claim 1, wherein the upper limit of the hydrophobe types has 28 carbons.

9. **(Original)** The composition of claim 1, wherein the upper limit of the hydrophobe types has 18 carbons.

10. **(Cancelled)** The composition of claim 1, wherein the lower limit of the solids content of the polymer is 3 wt. %.

11. **(Cancelled)** The composition of claim 1, wherein the lower limit of the solids content of the polymer is 7 wt %.

12. **(Cancelled)** The composition of claim 1, wherein the lower limit of the solids content of the polymer is 10 wt %.

13. **(Original)** The composition of claim 1, wherein the upper limit of the solids content of the polymer is 35 wt %.

14. **(Original)** The composition of claim 1, wherein the upper limit of the solids content of the polymer is 25 wt %.

15. **(Original)** The composition of claim 1, wherein the upper limit of the solids content of the polymer is 20 wt %.

16. **(Original)** The composition of claim 1, wherein the lower limit of the cyclodextrin content is 0.2 wt %.

17. **(Original)** The composition of claim 1, wherein the lower limit of the cyclodextrin content is 0.5 wt %.

18. **(Original)** The composition of claim 1, wherein the lower limit of the cyclodextrin content is 0.7 wt %.

19. **(Original)** The composition of claim 1, wherein the upper limit of the cyclodextrin content is 7.0 wt %.

20. **(Original)** The composition of claim 1, wherein the upper limit of the cyclodextrin content is 3.0 wt %.

21. **(Original)** The composition of claim 1, wherein the upper limit of the cyclodextrin content is 1.5 wt %.

22. **(Original)** The composition of claim 1, wherein the solids content of the polymer is 20 wt % and the cyclodextrin content is 1.0 wt %.

23. **(Original)** The composition of claim 1, wherein the solids content of the polymer is 17 wt % and the cyclodextrin content is 3.0 wt %.

24. **(Withdrawn)** A process for preparing the composition of claim 1 comprising dry blending a hydrophobically modified polyacetal-polyether (HM-PAPE) or comb hydrophobically modified polyacetal-polyether (comb HM-PAPE) with a cyclodextrin.

25. **(Withdrawn)** The process of claim 24, wherein the blend of dry HM-PAPE or comb HM-PAPE and the cyclodextrin is heated to fuse the materials together to form a solid mass.

26. **(Withdrawn)** The process of claim 24, wherein the cyclodextrin is selected from the group consisting of alpha (α), beta (β), and gamma (γ) cyclodextrins and mixtures thereof.

27. **(Withdrawn)** The process of claim 26, wherein the viscosity suppressing agent is selected from the group consisting of methylated, hydroxyethylated, hydroxypropylated, carboxymethylated, and diaminoethylated cyclodextrins and mixtures thereof.

28. **(Original)** A method for improving the incorporation of a thickener of a hydrophobically modified polyacetal-polyether (HM-PAPE) or comb hydrophobically modified polyacetal-polyether (comb HM-PAPE) into an aqueous system containing a water-insoluble polymer comprising

a) admixing a cyclodextrin or cyclodextrin derivative with said thickener in a sufficient amount to effectively complex the thickener so as to keep the viscosity of the admixture in abeyance,

b) adding said complexed admixture to said aqueous system containing said water-insoluble polymer, and

c) adding or providing to said aqueous system containing said complexed admixture and said water-insoluble polymer system an effective amount of a compound having an affinity for the cyclodextrin to decomplex the cyclodextrin from the thickener to increase the viscosity of the system.

29. **(Original)** The method of claim 28, wherein the cyclodextrin is selected from the group consisting of alpha (α), beta (β), and gamma (γ) cyclodextrins and mixtures thereof.

30. **(Original)** The process of claim 29, wherein the cyclodextrin is selected from the group consisting of methylated, hydroxyethylated, hydroxypropylated, carboxymethylated, and diaminoethylated cyclodextrins and mixtures thereof.

31. **(Withdrawn)** A paint composition comprising a latex and the composition of claim 1.

32. **(Withdrawn)** The paint composition of claim 31, wherein the pigment volume concentration (PVC) has a lower limit of about 15 %.

33. **(Withdrawn)** The paint composition of claim 31, wherein the pigment volume concentration (PVC) has a lower limit of about 24 %.

34. **(Withdrawn)** The paint composition of claim 31, wherein the pigment volume concentration (PVC) has a lower limit of about 35 %.

35. **(Withdrawn)** The paint composition of claim 31, wherein the pigment volume concentration (PVC) has an upper limit of about 85 %.

36. **(Withdrawn)** The paint composition of claim 31, wherein the pigment volume concentration (PVC) has an upper limit of about 65 %.